

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JORDAN CLOWER,

Plaintiff,

v.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION,

Defendant.

No. 1:23-cv-01621-KES-HBK

ORDER RELATING AND REASSIGNING
CASES

MARTIN REYES,

Plaintiff,

v.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION,

Defendant.

No. 2:24-cv-00300-WBS-DB

New Case No. 2:24-cv-00300-KES-HBK

Defendant Costco Wholesale Corporation has filed a notice of related cases in the above-captioned actions. Examination of the above-captioned actions reveals that they are related within the meaning of the Local Rules. “[B]oth actions involve similar questions of fact and the same question of law and their assignment to the same Judge or Magistrate Judge is likely to

1 effect a substantial savings of judicial effort.” L.R. 123(a)(3). Additionally, the putative class in
2 the *Reyes* case appears to include the putative class in the *Clower* case, the defendant is the same
3 in each case, and the actions are based on the same or similar claims. *See* L.R. 123(a)(1). The
4 assignment of these matters to the same judge is likely to effect a substantial savings of judicial
5 effort and is likely to be convenient for the parties.

6 The parties should be aware that relating cases under Rule 123 causes the actions to be
7 assigned to the same judge—it does not consolidate the actions. Under Rule 123, related cases
8 are generally assigned to the judge and magistrate judge to whom the first filed action was
9 assigned.

10 Good cause appearing, this Court finds the above-captioned cases are related and hereby
11 ORDERS that Case No. 2:24-cv-00300-WBS-DB be reassigned from Senior District Judge
12 William B. Shubb to District Judge Kirk E. Sherriff and from Magistrate Judge Deborah Barnes
13 to Magistrate Judge Helena M. Barch-Kuchta. The caption on documents filed in the reassigned
14 case shall show the new case number: 2:24-cv-00300-KES-HBK.

15 It is further ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court make appropriate adjustment in the
16 assignment of civil cases to compensate for this reassignment.

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18 IT IS SO ORDERED.

19 Dated: March 15, 2024


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE